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FRIDAY
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Got up early and went out to breakfast with the Achesons. Delicious butterfish. Dean views with misgivings our international posture.

To the office, where I read the text of the agreement on the Saar, which was apparently reached yesterday at Strasbourg between Teitgen and the Germans. Teitgen does not seem confident of French Cabinet approval, which must be secured. The accord is stated in general terms along the lines of my discussion with Van Naters and Gerstenmaier, who assisted in the negotiations, as did Spaak. I feel sure the opponents of the EDC in the Quai d'Orsay will try to obstruct favorable action by the Cabinet.

I went over to Allen Dulles' office, where I read a telegram from Bedell at Geneva saying the conference was making no progress, and he saw no reason why the Russians and Chinese would be likely to try to reach an understanding with the West except on their own exigent terms.

Lunched with Clover, Allen, young Allen, and Mr. Darrell (of Sullivan and Cromwell, who is Nelson Slater's lawyer) at the house, with eight acres of grounds, which Dulles has rented from Gertrude Grayson. Ate soft-shell crabs for the first time this year.

Appeared before the Planning Group at 3:30 and talked of what might be done if EDC were not ratified. The immediate problem would be how to restore sovereignty -- at least partially -- to Germany in the face of an almost certain French veto.

Went to dinner at the Metropolitan Club, where Cabell Bruce called me from Midland, Texas, to give me news of his wildcatting operations, in which I have a small interest. He has been lucky so far, but I fear his optimism.

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